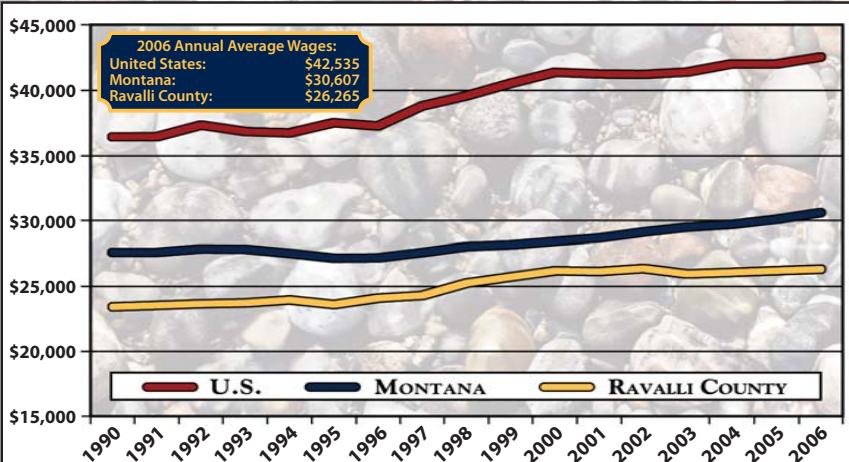


## Annual Average Labor Force - Ravalli County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2006	18,659	17,943	716	3.8%
2005	18,285	17,436	849	4.6%
2004	18,037	17,099	938	5.2%
2003	17,705	16,733	972	5.5%
2002	17,463	16,548	915	5.2%
2001	17,309	16,447	862	5.0%
2000	17,105	16,197	908	5.3%

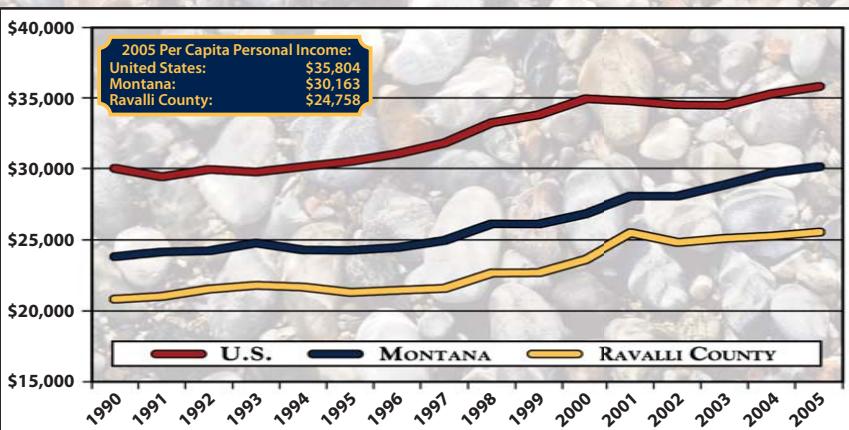
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

## Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2005 (In 2006 Dollars)



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System

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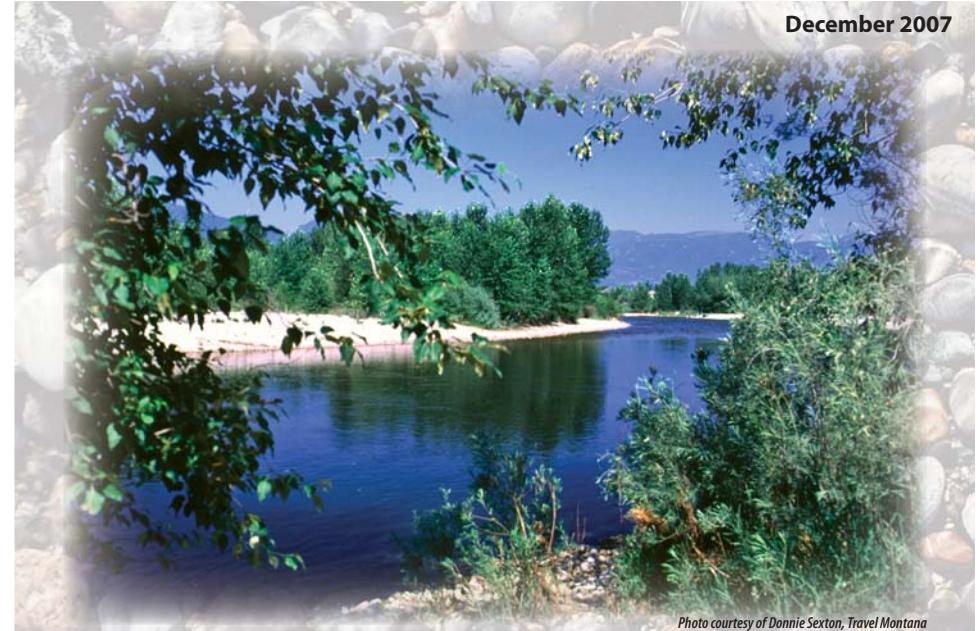
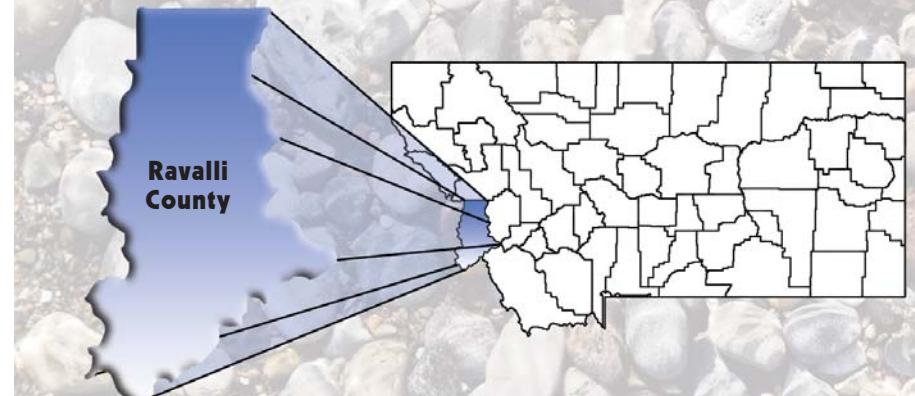


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## Demographic & Economic Information for Ravalli County



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## RAVALLI COUNTY

Also known as the "Bitterroot Valley," Ravalli County lies between the Sapphire Mountains on the East and the Bitterroot Mountains on the West. Ravalli is Montana's 7th most populous county with an estimated 40,582 residents as of July 1st, 2006. Hamilton, the county seat, is the state's 19th largest city with a population of 4,644 in 2006.<sup>1</sup> Other towns in Ravalli County include Stevensville, Darby, and Pinedale. In the 1990's, Ravalli County was the fastest growing county in Montana, with a population increase of 43% (25,010 to 35,811 residents) from 1990 to 1999.<sup>2</sup>

Ravalli County contains 1,850 square miles of public forest lands, which has played a significant role in its economic development. Historically, these lands have primarily contributed to the economy through lumber and wood products manufacturing. Today, these public forests are considered an important draw for tourism and migration to the area. Lumber and wood products manufacturing still play an important role, however, and Ravalli County was one of only a few counties to experience growth in this economic subsector in recent years.<sup>2</sup> Another draw to the area is its proximity to Missoula. Estimates suggest that roughly 15 to 20 percent of employed Ravalli County residents work in Missoula County.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*

<sup>2</sup>"The Bitterroot Valley of Western Montana Area Economic Profile" by Dr. Larry Swanson of the University of Montana

## Resources for Ravalli County

### Job Service Workforce Center

Bitterroot Job Service Workforce Center  
333 W. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840  
Ph: 406-363-1822,  
Website: [jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/hamilton](http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/local/hamilton)

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### Economic Development

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## Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006 (continued)

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Miscellaneous store retailers	17	67	\$13,067
Nonstore retailers	8	14	\$28,669
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	52	230	\$27,863
Air transportation	3	11	\$49,968
Truck transportation	27	129	\$29,652
Transit and ground passenger transport	3	49	\$9,399
Support activities for transportation	18	41	\$38,245
Couriers and messengers	1	*	*
INFORMATION	21	95	\$23,120
Publishing industries, except Internet	7	30	\$12,627
Motion picture, sound recording industry	4	21	\$12,815
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*
Telecommunications	5	34	\$39,346
ISPs, search portals, & data processing	2	*	*
Other information services	2	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	51	382	\$35,807
Credit intermediation & related activity	19	274	\$35,174
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	11	23	\$60,888
Insurance carriers & related activities	22	85	\$31,163
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	55	125	\$18,201
Real estate	46	104	\$20,163
Rental and leasing services	9	22	\$8,786
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	127	577	\$37,513
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES AND ENTERPRISES	4	14	\$35,514
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	56	491	\$21,533
Administrative and support services	53	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	3	*	*
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	11	90	\$18,787
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	88	1,127	\$27,050
Ambulatory health care services	58	285	\$28,061
Hospitals	1	*	*
Nursing and residential care facilities	9	258	\$20,023
Social assistance	21	*	*
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	46	365	\$15,666
Performing arts and spectator sports	7	*	*
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	38	347	\$15,009
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	109	1,051	\$10,590
Accommodation	25	182	\$15,872
Food services and drinking places	84	869	\$9,485
OTHER SERVICES	125	456	\$17,048
Repair and maintenance	44	146	\$21,985
Personal and laundry services	23	68	\$14,339
Membership associations & organizations	40	193	\$12,917
Private households	18	49	\$22,360
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	61	2,030	\$33,362
Local Government	33	1,389	\$25,636
State Government	10	137	\$38,491
Federal Government	18	504	\$53,269

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance.  
(Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

## Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2006

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	1518	11,259	\$26,264
TOTAL PRIVATE	1457	9,230	\$24,703
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	56	225	\$24,898
Crop production	9	74	\$22,075
Animal production	11	52	\$22,519
Forestry and logging	23	76	\$26,698
Agriculture & forestry support	13	24	\$33,199
MINING	4	*	*
Mining, except oil and gas	4	*	*
UTILITIES	5	38	\$52,438
CONSTRUCTION	316	1,041	\$29,377
Construction of buildings	101	327	\$29,575
Heavy and civil engineering construction	18	43	\$38,999
Specialty trade contractors	197	672	\$28,669
MANUFACTURING	85	992	\$33,628
Food manufacturing	8	54	\$17,340
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	1	*	*
Textile mills	1	*	*
Textile product mills	2	*	*
Leather and allied product manufacturing	3	6	\$10,046
Wood product manufacturing	19	488	\$39,775
Printing and related support activities	4	10	\$16,031
Chemical manufacturing	1	*	*
Plastics & rubber products manufacturing	2	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	4	*	*
Primary metal manufacturing	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	15	193	\$36,338
Machinery manufacturing	2	*	*
Computer and electronic product mfg	2	*	*
Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	1	*	*
Transportation equipment manufacturing	3	16	\$22,926
Furniture and related product mfg	11	36	\$19,192
Miscellaneous manufacturing	7	54	\$26,163
WHOLESALE TRADE	77	408	\$32,249
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	31	219	\$35,541
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	17	138	\$25,202
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	29	51	\$37,140
RETAIL TRADE	170	1,508	\$19,172
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	21	155	\$25,798
Furniture and home furnishings stores	16	82	\$19,519
Electronics and appliance stores	6	*	*
Building material & garden supply stores	33	229	\$25,350
Food and beverage stores	19	500	\$17,731
Health and personal care stores	12	109	\$25,565
Gasoline stations	15	156	\$12,640
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	8	35	\$13,117
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	14	61	\$10,375
General merchandise stores	2	*	*

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

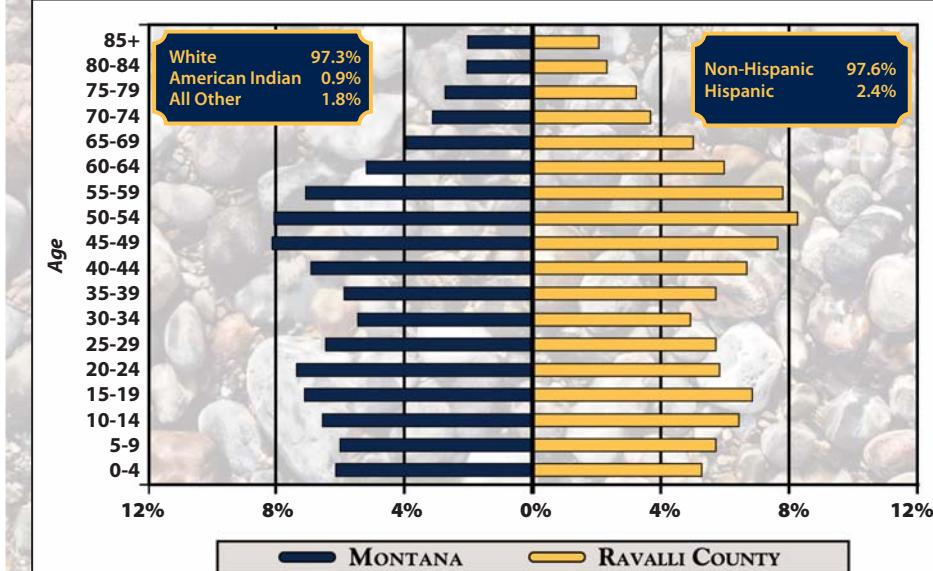
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## Population for Ravalli County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2006	Population Estimates							Census April 1, 2000
		July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	
Ravalli County	12.5%	40,582	39,822	39,470	38,739	37,737	36,907	36,341	36,070
Darby town	20.3%	854	833	816	786	751	726	715	710
Hamilton city	25.3%	4,644	4,432	4,353	4,182	3,960	3,843	3,758	3,705
Pinesdale town	13.3%	841	830	831	819	801	771	761	742
Stevensville town	23.2%	1,914	1,850	1,833	1,793	1,730	1,640	1,575	1,553
Balance of Ravalli County	10.1%	32,329	31,877	31,637	31,159	30,495	29,927	29,532	29,360

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

## Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Ravalli County, 2006



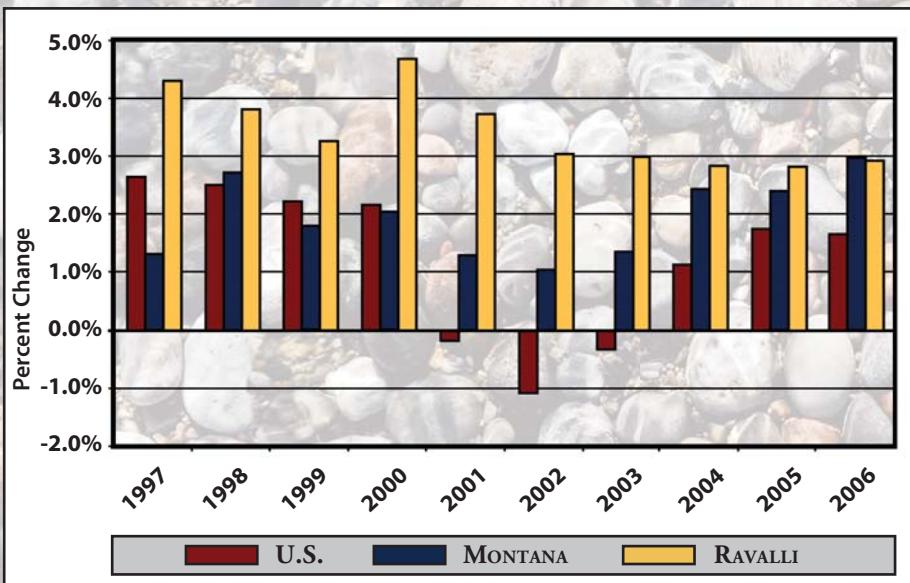
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## Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Ravalli County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	12.6%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	31.5%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	28.2%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	5.2%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	15.9%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	3.6%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.4%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	1.7%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

## Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2006 U.S., Montana, and Ravalli County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

## Top 20 Private Employers in Ravalli County (Based on 2nd Quarter 2007 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
A 2 Z Personnel-Nolan Temps	6	McDonalds	5
Albertsons	5	North Valley Health Care Center	5
Alpine Log Homes	5	Pioneer Log Homes	5
Apex Human Resources	6	Ravalli Services Corporation	5
Corixa Corporation	6	Rocky Mountain Log Homes	5
Discovery Care Centre	5	Selway Corporation	6
Farmers State Bank	6	Stock Farm Club	6
Fox Lumber Sales	6	Super 1 Foods	6
Kmart	5	Triple Creek Ranch	5
Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital	8	Valley View Estates Health Care Center	5

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

## Agricultural Statistics - Ravalli County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	1,441
Land in farms (acres)	245,133
Average size of farms (acres)	170
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	1,388
1,000 acres or more	53
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	1,381
\$100,000 or more	60
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	1,358
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	83
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested	
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	33,846
Hogs and pigs	854
Sheep and lambs	4,473
Horses and ponies	4,927
Bison	44
Chickens (layers and broilers)	2,263
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	292
Wheat for grain, All	1,789
Winter wheat for grain	758
Durum wheat for grain	0
Spring wheat for grain	1,031
Barley for grain	1,262
Oats for grain	742
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	0
Hay, haylage, grass silage	44,256
Operator Demographics	
Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	745
Other	696
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	1,339
Not on farm operated	102
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	524
10 years or more	917
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	673
55 years and over	768
Average age of operators: (number)	
	56.6

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002  
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